

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The changes to currently amended claims are shown using strikethrough to identify deleted material and underlining to identify added material.

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A topical composition comprising an anti-inflammatory composition consisting essentially of a linseed extract and a licorice extract, wherein the linseed extract comprises from about 0.1 to about 5 percent by weight of ~~of the topical composition~~ and wherein the licorice extract comprises from about 0.001 to about 1.5 percent by weight of ~~of the topical composition~~.

16. (currently amended) A method of reducing inflammation comprising applying topically to a site of inflammation ~~a the topical composition comprising an anti-inflammatory composition consisting essentially of effective amounts of a linseed extract and a licorice extract~~ of claim 15.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the licorice extract is selected from the group consisting of glycyrrhiza, glycyrrhetic acid, glycyrrhizic acid, derivatives thereof, and combinations thereof.

18. (original) The method of claim 17 wherein the licorice extract is stearyl glycyrrhetinate.

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (new) The topical composition of claim 15 wherein the licorice extract is selected from the group consisting of glycyrrhiza, glycyrrhetic acid, glycyrrhizic acid, derivatives thereof, and combinations thereof.
22. (new) The topical composition of claim 21 wherein the derivatives are selected from the group consisting of salts, esters, and a combination thereof.
23. (new) The topical composition of claim 22 wherein the salts are selected from the group consisting of metal salts and ammonium salts.
24. (new) The topical composition of claim 22 wherein the esters are selected from the group consisting of fatty acid esters, diacid half esters, and glycoside esters.
25. (new) The topical composition of claim 24 wherein the fatty acid esters are selected from the group consisting of saturated fatty acid esters and unsaturated fatty acid esters.
26. (new) The topical composition of claim 25 wherein the licorice extract is stearyl glycyrrhetinate.
27. (new) The topical composition of claim 15 wherein the linseed extract comprises about 4 percent by weight of the topical composition.
28. (new) The topical composition of claim 26 wherein the stearyl glycyrrhetinate comprises about 0.1 percent by weight of the topical composition.
29. (new) The topical composition of claim 15 further comprising at least one bioflavonoid.

SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-14 and 19-20 are canceled without prejudice to their further prosecution in a continuation and/or divisional application.

The amendments to independent claim 15 were made to correct typographical errors.

New claims 21-29 are fully supported by original claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, and 14, respectively, and by the description in the specification.

No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 15-18 and 21-29 are present and active in the application.